

**Read the following text carefully, and then in your ANSER BOOKLET answer all the questions that follow. Your answer should be based on the text.**

Speaking a foreign language, it is claimed, improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise', which improves memory. As well as exercising the brain, it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. **These** include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well. It is said that students **who** study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests in maths, reading and vocabulary than students who have only mastered **their** mother tongue.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that **they** are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving **simulator** while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign language, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgement is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

**Question Number One ( 20 )**

1. According to the text, there are two benefits of learning a new vocabulary and grammar. Write these benefits down?
2. According to the text, **acquiring /obtaining /learning** a foreign language has many advantages. Write down two of them?
3. Quote the sentence which **indicates //shows** that learning a foreign language can develop your ability in writing and speaking in your own language.
4. What does the underlined word "**simulator**" mean?
5. How does learning a foreign language improve your mother tongue skills?
6. Quote the sentence which **indicates //shows** that learning a foreign language can help you to overcome many problems.
7. According to the text, how does speaking a foreign language improve the memory?
8. According to the text, two systems of speech multilingual people are able to switch between easily. Write down these two systems.
9. There are two results of Pennsylvania State University. Write down these two results?
10. Quote the sentence which **indicates //shows** that learning a foreign language can help you to improve your own language.

**B- Literature spot: (3 points)**

**Read the following lines from "Around" A Green Cornfield", and then answer the questions that follow:**

'Yet you sell tickets from Bombay to Calcutta,' retorted Sir Francis, who was growing warm.

'No doubt,' replied the conductor, 'but the passengers know that they must provide means of transportation for themselves from Kholby to Allahabad.'

'Sir Francis,' said Mr Fogg quietly, 'we will, if you please, look about for some means of conveyance to Allahabad.'

**1. What expression is used to mean Sir Francis is getting annoyed?**

**2. Which words tell you that Mr Fogg doesn't show any anger?**

**Question Number Two : ( 15 points)**

**A. Choose the suitable item from those given to complete each of the following sentences. There are more words than you need. Write your answers in your ANSWERBOOKLET.**

**earn , applicants , financial , cause , blame**

1. These days, most people are suffering from..... problems.
2. If you are polite, you won't.....offence or upset anybody.
3. In order to join our company, the new.....must prove that they deserve the job.
4. Salem ..... himself because he hasn't got top mark this semester.

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follow. (3 points)**

I was born in a small village, but I **didn't spend my childhood** there.

Replace **the underlined words in bold with its suitable meaning.**

**B. Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follow. (3 points)**

I need to organise my time better. I think I'll **take a break** .

Replace the underlined **collocation in the above sentence with the correct one.**

**C-Complete the following sentences with the suitable words derived from the words in box and write the answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6points)**

1. To be ..... in English, you should daily practice it.

( fluency , fluent , fluently )

2. The new hand, which was ..... by Swiss and Italian scientists, was a huge improvement.

( developed , develop , development)

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**Question Number Three :( 13 points)**

**A. Correct the verb between brackets and then write your answer down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (6 points)**

- 1. Our exams have already ..... by our teacher. ( be , mark )
- 2. ....your books, will you? ( not , open)
- 3. Do you usually go home or meet your friends when you.....school? ( finish )

**B. Complete each of the following items so that the new item has a similar meaning to the one before it, and writes it down in your ANSWER BOOKLET. (9points)**

- 1. Where does your friend Ahmed come from?  
Can you tell me .....
- 2. It's a pity that Rasha wasn't at the party. She was travelling abroad.  
If only Randa.....
- 3. People speak Spanish in most South American countries.  
Spanish.....
- 4. Doctors have proved that the brain stopped all activity 30 seconds after the death.  
It.....
- 5. Everyone knows that math isn't the easiest subject.  
Math.....

**Question Number Four: ( 10 points )**

**Choose the suitable items from those given to complete each of the following sentences and write it down in your ANSWER BOOCKLET.**

- 1. In Jordan, pre-school and kindergarten education is optional, while basic education is free and compulsory,.....?  
( isn't it , does it , aren't they , is it )
- 2. I'm..... now than yesterday.  
( good , better , the best , the good )
- 3. Rashed always comes late, despite the fact that he gets..... early.  
( up , in , at , off )
- 4. The teacher asked us.....our favourite books.  
( into , on , at , about )
- 5. Your health gets worse and worse ..... you still smoking.  
( even if , as long as , provided that , unless )

Complete the following mini – dialogue by using an expression of giving advice.

Hatem: I think you should practice sport.

(2 points)

Ahmed: Why don't .....

**Question Number Five ( 15 points )**

**A-EDITING**

(4points)

Imagine you are an editor in the Jordan Times, you are asked to edit the following lines that have one grammar mistake, two spelling mistakes and one punctuation mistake. Correct the mistakes and write them in your ANSWER BOOKLET.

For students who wish to complete their univercity studies while working at the same time, It is also possible in some Jordanian universities to enrol onto online distance learning programes. In the future, this option will becomes available in many other universities.

**B-GUIDED WRITING**

(4points)

Read the information in the table below then, in your ANSWER BOOKLET, write two sentences about **the best ways of losing your weight**. Use appropriate liking words.

**The best ways to lose your weight**

- you should drink 8 to 10 glasses of water.
- you should do exercises.
- you should use certain types vegetarian nutrition.
- you should reduce the amount of calories you eat.

**Best Wishes: Rae'd AL-Natoor**